

REMARKS

Claims 1, 21 and 22 have been amended, claims 5 and 19 have been canceled, and new claims 23 and 24 have been added. Thus, claims 1-4, 6-15, 18 and 20-24 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Rejections Under Section 112:

Claims 1 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112 as failing to comply with the written description for the use of “user entering an administration code”. Page 4 lines 6-17 of Applicants specification recites:

the communication terminal or communication system is set up to search for an active entertainment terminal connected to the unit/system upon activation of an administration mode. If, for example on a telephone, the appropriate keys are pressed to preselect the option relating to administration, i.e. relating to programming or management of the functions, settings, data etc., on the telephone, then the telephone searches for an active, connected entertainment unit, for example a television, which is used for the telephone’s administration.

Applicant respectfully submits that the “term administration code” indicates keys pressed on the communication device as provided by the specification. However, in order to further prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 21 to recite:

the activation is initiated by a user directly interfacing with the communication device

The user directly interfaces with the communication device by entering keys on the telephone device as supported by page 4 lines 6-17. Further support for this amendment may also be found by Fig 4 and on page 12 lines 25-29 which recites:

If a user of a communication terminal TEL activates the “administration” function, then the communication terminal TEL first searches for a suitable output medium, i.e. an active television set FER (1’)

Thus, the user activates the administration function which results in a transmission (1') from the telephone to be sent to the entertainment terminal. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully request the withdrawal of the 112 rejections.

Response to Rejections Under Section 103:

Claims 1-3, 8-16 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being obvious over Ferry et al. (USPN 5,805,677) in view of Tidwell et al (USPN 6,535,590) and Sachs et al. (USPN 3,746,793). Claims 4-6 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Ferry in view of Tidwell and Goldstein (USPN 5,410,326). Claims 18 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Ferry in view of Tidwell, Sachs and Baker (USPN 5,948,080). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that this claim is obvious over Ferry in view of Tidwell Goldstein and Baker.

The Examiner states "according to the specifications administration also comprises administering, where administering can be 'to manage or supervise the execution or use of'". Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate specifically where in Applicants specification that Applicant indicates that administration is "to manage or supervise the execution or use of". Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicants Specification clearly recites on page 4 lines 12-14:

relating to programming or management of the functions, settings,
data etc., on the telephone

Thus, the administration causes changes to the communication device and does not merely manage the execution or use of the communication device as stated by the Examiner. This is clearly indicated by page 12 line 21 – page 13 line 10 and Fig. 4 which shows a signaling sequence for the administration of the communication terminal. The administration signaling sequence shows that the communication device receives a communication form the entertainment terminal to change parameters of the device. Thus functions, settings, data of the telephone are programmed (managed). Applicant has amended claim 1 to include further limitations to the administration as provided by the Specification, Amended claim 1 recites:

a selection of the user is sent from the active entertainment
terminal to the communication device and the communication

device is administered such that at least one parameter of the communication device is changed

Applicants respectfully submit that Ferry, Tidwell, Sachs, or the combination of teach or suggest that the communication device is administered

by a user directly interfacing with the communication device

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits independent claim 1 is patentable. In addition, for at least the reasons above, independent claim 21 is patentable. Furthermore, dependent claims 2-4, 6-15 and 18. 30, which depends on claim 1, and dependent claim 22, which depends on claim 21, are patentable at least based on their dependency as well as based on their own merits.

New Claims 23 and 24:

New claims further define the scope of the invention as described in the specification and drawings. In view of the foregoing remarks regarding the other claims, Applicant respectfully submits claims 23-24 are patentable and requests allowance of claims 23-24.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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